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(54) Title: COMPOSITION FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE OF HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE

(57) Abstract

A composition, and methods of forming and using said composition, for the sustained release of biologically active, stabilized human growth hormone (hGH). The sustained release composition of this invention comprises a polymeric matrix of a biocompatible polymer and particles of biologically active, stabilized hGH, wherein said particles are dispersed within the biocompatible polymer. The method of the invention for producing a composition for the sustained release of biologically active hGH, includes dissolving a biocompatible polymer in a polymer solvent to form a polymer solution, dispersing particles of biologically active, metal cation-stabilized hGH in the polymer solution, and then solidifying the polymer to form a polymeric matrix containing a dispersion of said hGH particles. The method for using a composition of the invention is a method for providing a therapeutically effective blood level of biologically active, non-aggregated hGH in a subject for a sustained period. In this method, a subject is administered an effective dose of the sustained release composition of the present invention. The method of using the sustained release composition of the present invention comprises providing a therapeutically effective blood level of biologically active, non-aggregated human growth hormone in a subject for a sustained period by administering to the subject a dose of said sustained release composition.

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